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Perry Point, Maryland

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THE MEDICAL CENTER

The Perry Point Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, situated at the juncture of the scenic Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River, is a fully accredited 870 bed neuropsychiatric and medical care facility. The Medical Center provides a broad scope of treatment programs including acute psychiatric and medical care, rehabilitation services, intermediate and long term care, a respite care program, and an 80 bed nursing home care unit, in addition to general and specialized outpatient services. Specialized medical services available at Perry Point include a Non-Invasive Cardiac Lab, Alcohol Detoxification Unit, Imaging Service, Alcohol Treatment Program, Audiology and Speech Pathology Section and an Intensive Care Unit. Outpatient services include a Day Treatment Center, Mental Health Clinic, Family Therapy, and an Outreach Center. With extensive capabilities for treating veterans with emotional problems and those in need of long term care, Perry Point receives many patients referred for treatment from other facilities.

Staff

In a typical year, more than 3,600 veterans are cared for at Perry Point with over 55,000 outpatient visits made annually. Patients' needs are attended by a staff of 1,200 full and part-time dedicated professional, technical, administrative, and support personnel. This staff is reinforced by approximately 900 community volunteers who contribute 70,000 hours of service a year to the Medical Center and its hospitalized veterans. Perry Point, together with other VA Medical Centers at Fort Howard, MD, Baltimore, MD, Martinsburg, WV, and Washington, DC, constitute VA's Medical District 6. The five centers cooperate in the management and use of the facilities, equipment, manpower, and other resources to deliver health care services in a more effective and economical manner.

Affiliations

The Medical Center, which maintains affiliations with more than 20 different academic institutions, provides training opportunities for over 150 paraprofessional and allied health students a year. Perry Point offers a variety of ward and clinical experiences to students from vocational training schools, community colleges, high schools, and universities. Presently, the Medical Center is affiliated with the University of Maryland, The Johns Hopkins University, the University of Delaware, as well as Harford, Cecil and Essex Community Colleges.

The Facility

Perry Point has been providing "Quality, Caring, Service" to our nation's veterans since its inception as a hospital for war risk beneficiaries in 1919 when the first two-story hospital building was completed. Today, the Medical Center is over 70 years old with approximately 175 buildings dispersed throughout its beautifully landscaped 478 acre campus. All major Medical Center buildings are connected by enclosed passageways, which accommodate pedestrians, wheelchairs and transportation vehicles.

A new $13 million clinical addition is scheduled to be completed in 1992. The 35,000 square foot addition will directly enhance the quality of patient care by providing new space and ultra-modern facilities. The new building will provide spacious waiting, examining and admission areas, in addition to new and expanded clinical space.

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THE COMMUNITY

The Medical Center is located within 50 miles of both Philadelphia and Baltimore in historic Cecil County, Maryland, providing country living with quick access to major metropolitan attractions. After exploring the area in 1608, Captain John Smith wrote, "Heaven and earth never seemed to have agreed better to frame a place for man's commodious and delightful living." And so it is today. A diverse landscape of forested countryside, rolling farmlands, small towns, winding scenic rivers, and the Chesapeake bayshore all surround the Medical Center, making it a beautiful setting for work, living and recreation.

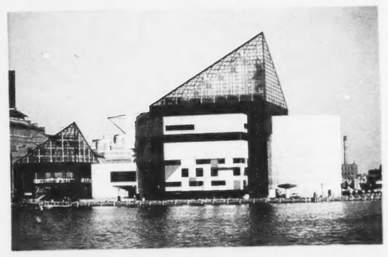
Educational Facilities

Educational resources in surrounding communities offer excellent public and private elementary and secondary schools. Many well-known colleges and universities are within commuting distance of the Medical Center, such as The Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland, the University of Baltimore, Towson State University, Morgan State University, the University of Delaware, and Harford and Cecil Community Colleges.

Recreation

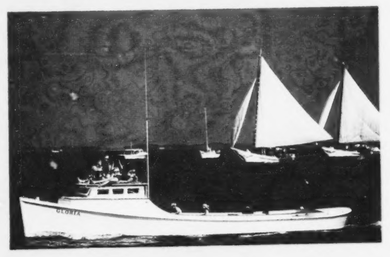
With 120 miles of shoreline and 72,800 acres of woodland close by, Perry Point is almost unsurpassed as a location for many types of recreation. The rivers and the Chesapeake Bay provide excellent boating, sailing, swimming, fishing, and waterfowl hunting. For swimmers and boaters, there are over 100 water-oriented commercial and public recreation areas close to the Medical Center. Elsewhere, trail riding, horse shows, and the nationally renowned steeplechase at Fair Hill bring thousands of equestrians and spectators every year. The community provides recreational sports leagues, well kept golf courses, and public swimming pools nearby.

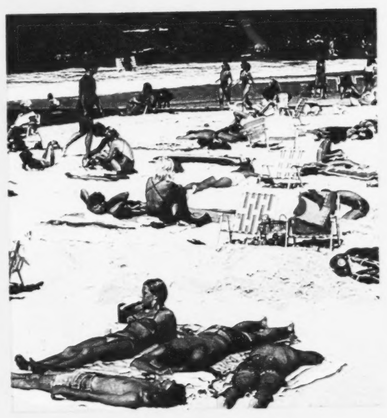
Only an hour away are the exciting attractions of Baltimore City, such as the Inner Harbor, National Aquarium, Pimlico Race Track, and the Baltimore Zoo. Also nearby are the splendors of Maryland's Eastern Shore, with the beauty of Assateague Island and the family fun of Ocean City. Only two hours to the south is the nation's capital, Washington, DC, and historic Annapolis, MD. Atlantic City, with its nightclubs, casinos, and beach areas, is only a few hours to the north, as is historic Philadephia, PA.



Culture

The Medical Center is afforded a rich assortment of cultural activities nearby. There are several local dinner and community theatres, as well as community concerts, historical societies, antique shows, and museums. In Baltimore there are the nationally known Center Stage, Mechanic and Lyric Theatres, the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall (home of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra), the Walters Art Gallery, and the Baltimore Museum of Art. Baltimore, which is well known for its ethnic pride, is also the host for many annual ethnic fairs and festivals, including the popular annual City Fair.





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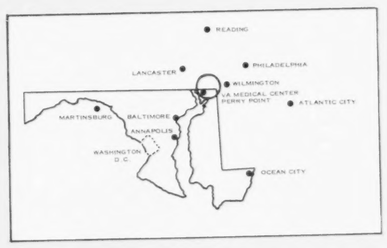

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